

Girls on the Run Greater Cincinnati

Lottery Registration Frequently Asked Questions

How does the lottery system work?

Registration will open for a week and half and then close. At that time, if more girls are registered than the number of available spots on a team (16), the registration system will randomly select girls for that team. All additional registrants will remain in "lottery status" and be placed on the waiting list. Should a girl drop, and a spot opens during the first two weeks, we can fill that spot from the waiting list via another lottery.

For teams that are not full after the initial registration all girls will be accepted to the team. Registration will then re-open and additional girls will be added on a first-come, first-served basis until full.

Why a lottery system?

The lottery system allows all girls the same opportunity to participate in Girls on the Run. It provides every family an equal opportunity to register and participate in the program, regardless of access to a computer, the internet, or the availability (or not) to register at a specific time.

What if my child is not selected?

In the event the desired team is full, additional registrants will be placed on the wait list for that team. Should a spot open within the first two weeks, another computer-generated lottery will be conducted to fill that spot from the wait list. Your credit card will not be charged unless your student is formally added to the team.

If it's truly random, why do you ask how many seasons my child has participated?

This information is collected on behalf of Girls on the Run International. It is used to calculate retention rates and for curriculum development purposes.

What about sisters?

To keep the lottery truly random sisters are treated as individuals in the lottery system.

Is the lottery for everyone or only when a team is full?

Everyone who registers during the first wave will receive a confirmation email notifying them that they are in "lottery status." If more girls are registered than the number of available spots on a team, the lottery will be run to randomly select participants for that team. All additional registrants will remain in "lottery status" and be placed on the wait list. If a spot becomes available within the first two weeks of the season, a registrant will be randomly selected from the wait list.

Teams that are not full after the first wave of registration will include all registrants at that time. Registration will then re-open and additional girls will be added on a first-come, first-served basis until the team is full or until September 23, whichever comes first.

Could you add more participants on a team if I volunteer to coach?

To ensure quality programming, we limit our team numbers based on many factors, including space availability at each site, previously ordered program supplies, and the number and experience of committed coaches before registration begins. Though programs may be cancelled if a minimum number of coaches cannot be recruited, we do not add coaches at the last minute to accommodate more girls. Adults with availability and interest in coaching are encouraged to learn about coaching opportunities on our website and apply well in advance of the next season's registration date. This allows us to effectively project and plan for the upcoming season and provide new coaches the opportunity to attend coach training and meet with their coaching team. Once registration opens, team limits are set, and no additional coaches will be added to accommodate more girls.

For questions about the Girls on the Run program, please visit www.gotrcincinnati.org or call 513-321-1056